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## **GROUP 1600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Examiner: Caputa, A. #1

ULRICH et al.

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Serial No.: 08/882,431

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For: Bacterial Superantigen Vaccines

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August 20, 1998

## response

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 1998, the date for response hereby extended to include today's date by petition and payment of the proper fee herewith.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly candal claims 71-99 without prejudice.

Kindly add the following claims.

--100. An antibody which recognizes the altered SEB superantigen toxin according to claim 80.

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